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Letter dated 5 May 1999 from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from our Governments, we have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement adopted by the Presidents of the Republic of

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Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and the Republic of Uzbekistan on 24 April 1999 in Washington, D.C. (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 39, 67, 76 (o), 84, 98 (c), 100 (g) and 161 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English and Russian]

Statement of the Presidents of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and the Republic of Uzbekistan

The Presidents of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and the Republic of Uzbekistan,

Proceeding from the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation between their countries and peoples, and underlining the aspiration for their further development;

Highly valuing progressive development of the multilateral interaction between the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine within the group of GUAM, and welcoming the Republic of Uzbekistan's accession, which reflects mutual aspiration for cooperation;

Reiterating their commitment to the fundamental norms and principles of international law enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and relevant documents of the OSCE, in particular, respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence of States and inviolability of their internationally recognized borders;

Reiterating their resolve to build their interstate relations on the basis of strict observance of the above-mentioned principles;

Reaffirming the course at further consolidation of civic societies based on the respect for the principles of democracy, rule of law and respect for human rights;

Recognizing the indivisibility of security, and expressing their determination to join efforts in confronting risks and threats to peace and security at the national, regional and global level;

Resolutely rejecting ethnic intolerance, separatism and religious extremism;

Expressing their deep concern with the ongoing conflicts, and confirming their commitment to the settlement of those conflicts by peaceful means in conformity with the norms and principles named above;

Underlining the importance of their multilateral cooperation in the field of peacekeeping and peaceful settlement of crises;

Being deeply concerned with the increased number of acts of terrorism and violence, which represent a serious threat not only to individual persons and States, but to the whole world community, and recognizing the necessity to jointly combat terrorism in all its manifestations;

Attaching great importance to consolidation of efforts in strengthening regimes of non-proliferation of nuclear and other types of weapons of mass destruction, as well as preventing arms transfer to conflict zones;

Taking into consideration common goals of strengthening their State independence and achieving stability, security and cooperation in the OSCE area free of dividing lines and spheres of influence;

Noting that cooperation within the GUUAM is not directed against third countries or a group of countries;

Proceeding from their participation in the processes of integration into European and Euro-Atlantic structures;

Noting the importance of developing the secure and economically efficient Europe-Caucasus-Asia transport corridor for peace, stability, mutually beneficial multifaceted cooperation and prosperity of their States and peoples, and in this regard the necessity of the soonest entry into force of the Basic Multilateral Agreement;

Have agreed:

1. To strengthen their multifaceted cooperation and interaction within international organizations and fora.

2. To develop interaction within the framework of the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council and NATO's "Partnership for Peace" programme.

3. To strengthen interaction in the field of peaceful settlement of conflicts and crises on the basis of respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, inviolability of internationally recognized borders and independence of States.

4. To deepen practical cooperation with the aim to strengthen peacekeeping capability upon the relevant legal basis.

5. To apply joint efforts to fight ethnic intolerance, separatism, religious extremism and terrorism.

6. To undertake efficient joint actions to strengthen regimes of non-proliferation of nuclear and other types of weapons of mass destruction, as well as to prevent arms transfer to conflict zones.

7. To broaden mutually beneficial cooperation of their States in developing the Europe-Caucasus-Asia transport corridor on the basis of the results of the International Conference on the Restoration of the Historic Silk Route held in Baku on 7 and 8 September 1998.

8. To hold regular consultations at appropriate levels on matters of mutual interest.

Done in Washington, D.C., on 24 April 1999 in the English and Russian languages, in five copies, all text being equally authentic.

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Heydar Aliyev

President of Georgia
Eduard Shevardnadze

President of the Republic of Moldova
Petru Lucinschi

President of Ukraine
Leonid Kuchma

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Islam Karimov